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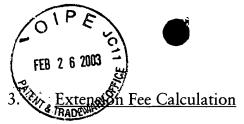
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Sir:

- This is a petition to extend the period for reply to the Office Action mailed 1. September 25, 2002, setting a 3 month shortened statutory period for response which expired on December 25, 2002, for a total of 2 months to February 25, 2003.
- 2. A reply in connection with the matter for which this extension is requested:

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EXTENSION FEE DUE WITH THIS REQUEST:

\$<u>400.00</u>

4. <u>Fee Payment</u>

- [] A check in amount of \$_____ is attached.
- [X] Charge \$400.00 to Deposit Account No. 23-1665. Two additional copies of this transmittal are enclosed.
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Respectfully submitted,

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